

## REMARKS

### Entry of Amendment

As Applicant is filing a RCE herewith, this amendment should be entered and considered by the Examiner at this time.

Applicant has the following response to each of the Examiner's rejections in the Final Rejection.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner has the following rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103:

- A. Claims 2-5, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (US 6,333,515 - sic 6,222,515<sup>1</sup>) in view of "applicant admitted prior art" ("AAPA") and further in view of Yoshida et al. (U.S. 7,133,015).
- B. Claims 6-9 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi in view of AAPA and in view of Yoshida and further in view of Katakura et al. (U.S. 6,057,824).
- C. Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi in view of AAPA in view of Yoshida and further in view of Mikami et al. (U.S. 6,825,826).

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed.

While Applicant traverses these rejections, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant is amending independent Claims 2, 3, 10, 11, and 20.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant notes that US 6,333,515 is to Kubota et al. and is for "Arrangement and construction of crew protective device for automobile." The correct cite is believed to be US 6,222,515 to Yamaguchi et al. It is respectfully requested that this be corrected for the record in the next action for this application.

It is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 2, 3, 10, 11 and 20 are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, and Claims 2, 3, 10, 11, 20 and those claims dependent thereon are patentable over these references. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

#### Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee should be due for this Amendment and/or the RCE, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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